

Practical test-day checklist

Print this page, fill in your appointment details and tick each box as you prepare.

DRIVE TEST FINDER UK

TEST DATE

START TIME

TEST CENTRE

CAR / MEETING DETAILS

DVSA essentials

UK driving licence | Theory certificate if held | Suitable car

1 CONFIRM THE PLAN

- ☐ Recheck the date, start time, test centre and arrival or parking instructions.
- ☐ Agree the test car, meeting place and time with your instructor or accompanying driver.
- ☐ Check the route and allow a sensible travel buffer.

2 PACK THE ESSENTIALS

- ☐ Put your original UK driving licence in your test-day bag.
- ☐ Take your theory-test pass certificate if you have it. It is required if you passed in Northern Ireland.
- ☐ Old paper licence? Add a valid passport. NI photocard? Add its paper counterpart.
- ☐ Take glasses or contact lenses if you need them to meet the driving eyesight standard.

3 ONLY IF USING YOUR OWN CAR

- ☐ Check the full current GOV.UK own-car rules and any recall-proof requirement.
- ☐ Confirm test insurance, tax and MOT if required; check tyres and safety warning lights.
- ☐ Fit the examiner's extra mirror, passenger belt and head restraint, and front/rear L plates (L or D in Wales).

4 ON THE DAY

- ☐ Before leaving, physically check your documents, eyewear and agreed car.
- ☐ Aim to arrive 5 minutes early, following any centre-specific directions.
- ☐ Silence your phone, listen to directions and focus on the next safe decision.

Booking email is useful for checking details but is not a required document. This is an independent aid, not DVSA guidance.

Official requirements: gov.uk/driving-test/what-to-take

gov.uk/driving-test/using-your-own-car